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Students Take Stand On Debt

RIOT SQUAD SUMMONED, DO NOTHING; DEBT PROTESTED AS TRADERS, INVESTORS LOOK ON

BY JASON CHOW

When students protested for easier access to education, they got more than they bargained for.

The demonstrators marched their way to the Montréal Stock Exchange Building on Victoria Square last Thursday as part of the Canadian Federation of Students' Day of Action. Both university and CEGEP students participated in the protest, denouncing rising tuition fees and escalating student debt, shouting slogans calling for a tuition freeze, more money for grants and bursaries, and for increased corporate taxation.

The result of the protest was a standoff between MUC police and the demonstrating students.

Once they reached the Stock Exchange, the students tried to enter the building and spread

their message, only to have security lock the doors on them. However, around ten demonstrators did storm in.

The crowd in front of the building provoked the police to summon the riot squad. Promptly after the protesters arrived at the Stock Exchange, around 50 policeman in full riot gear began to block the entrances, isolating those who entered the building. Also, twelve policemen formed a circle around the group of protesters who were inside the building, refusing to let them move.

"Liberez nos camarades!" shouted students from the outside.

Eventually, those trapped inside the building were released one at a time. Around five of them will be summoned to court for mischief and causing damage un-

der \$5000.

Although no altercation between students and police took place, animosity ran high. A reporter for the Concordia Link newspaper approached a policeman with a tape recorder, asking him who he was there to protect. The policeman responded by grabbing the reporter's recorder and throwing it on the street.

Despite the standoff, students continued to spread their message adamantly. Concordia Student



REBECCA CATCHING

VIEW FROM INSIDE THE STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING LAST THURSDAY

Union President David Smaller said the event showed students "taking a stand." He added, "As

part of a Canada-wide event, this is major."

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Martin Makes No Promises

FINANCE MINISTER GIVES ECONOMIC UPDATE, NO MENTION OF HEALTH CARE,

POVERTY, OR EDUCATION

BY JEFF WEBBER

A flood of praise for his government's budget surplus dominated Finance Minister Paul Martin's presentation of the government's annual Economic and Fiscal Update to the House of Commons Finance Committee. The committee is holding consultations leading to the 1999 budget. While providing much praise from Martin for his achievements, the speech offered little in the way of social spending commitments, something many critics found abhorrent considering the \$3.5-billion 1997-1998 budget surplus.

"This is an historic milestone. And it is an achievement that belongs not to government but to Canadians themselves," Martin said, adding that the surplus has

been applied directly to the debt. He emphasized that this is the first time the Government of Canada has paid down the debt in more than a generation.

But some Critics, such as the New Democratic Party's (NDP) Finance critic Nelson Riis, viewed Martin's excitement as unfounded and misleading.

"I think it was a hopeless speech in that Canada is quickly becoming a hope-free zone," Riis said. "He [Martin] did not even address issues of access to education and health care."

Martin stressed the need to continue in a balanced fashion, noting that despite the strong turnaround in the country's finances, "we must be realistic about the resources at our dis-

posal."

The turbulence of contemporary international economics seemed to be weighing on Martin. He referred to the necessity of continuing policies of fiscal austerity, arguing that these policies have helped Canada's ability to deal with international turmoil thus far.

"The international economy has entered a period of turmoil not seen for a very long time... Comparatively, Canada, while not immune to the economic volatility beyond our borders, is well positioned to weather the storm," Martin said. "Safeguarding our financial health at home is the sine qua non of riding out the global storm we are now in. Turbulence abroad mandates vigilance

at home. Make no mistake. We will do what we can. But we will only do what we can afford."

Riis, on the other hand thinks Martin has his priorities, and consequently the priorities of the country, confused. He argues that these are extraordinarily difficult times for a significant portion of the Canadian population. According to Riis, times of economic hardship and excessive poverty are not times when budget surpluses should be spent on debt reduction.

"I know that Paul Martin spent all of the surplus on debt reduction. But when your kids can't afford winter coats you don't make double mortgage payments. I ask Paul Martin why he is doing this, because when you talk to

people this [debt repayment] is not their top priority," Riis said.

Critics are pointing to the distinct lack of spending commitments by the federal government in the two important areas of education and health.

Elizabeth Carlyle, National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, agrees with Riis that Martin failed to address the deterioration of quality and the increasing inaccessibility of university education.

"Increasingly students cannot afford tuition fees and are forced to abandon their education. . . . Paul Martin has decided that the interests of his wealthy friends are more important than the needs of average Canadians," Carlyle said. (continued on page 10)

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Reproducing Dominant Structures:

An Ambiguous Protest

I went to a demonstration the other day in Ottawa to protest the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) outside a conference of the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). I was unprepared for what happened there.

During the demo, we were told - without prior consultation - that a delegation had been invited into the OECD conference. They were going to go, in order to invite Donald Johnston, the Canadian Head of the OECD, to speak to "the people." Some of us protested that this was a bad idea, that this would merely reproduce the structures of unelected representatives going behind closed doors to talk, that we the demonstrators should be consulted, that surely their own messengers could relay our reverse invitation, but our concerns were overridden by an elite decision-making core (including organizers for recent Québec civil disobedience ac-

tions). I was dismayed to see demo organizers heading off at the beck and call of OECD organizers, behind closed doors to "represent us."

Worse, when the delegation returned, we were asked to sit down for a report. Why? Because the police asked organizers to settle the (already tranquil) crowd down. Because, as it was explained to me, *the police had been promised, we would be non-violent*. As we were seated, Donald Johnston did come out to speak to us. And what did our "fearless leaders" decide? To give the man from whom we hear all too often in main stream media, a 10 minute forum to espouse his views, before we were finally allowed a bare 5 minutes to ask questions. Further, anyone who called out or heckled, was "ssshhed" by organizers. Talk about social control. When Mr. Johnston's aides decided, after about 6 questions, that he'd had enough, they tapped a "leader" on the shoulder and asked him stop taking questions, which he obediently did!

Organizers thought the demonstration was successful because Donald Johnston came outside. But I went away feeling betrayed, controlled, and extremely disheartened. As I see it, demonstrations will never affect social change unless they themselves enact social change on every level. Having a group of leaders bow to police and OECD leaders' every whim, and *dictate* this whim to docilely following protesters is not my idea of social change. Perhaps I should not expect more of the Ottawa organizers. But I had come to expect much more of the civil disobedience movement in Québec. I got involved in the movement not only because I believe in the ultimate goals of radical social change, but also because giving people a voice is a form of social change; because resisting police and government structures is a form of social change; because being empowered to resist without hierarchical direction is a form of social change; because affinity groups' decision making and negotiation with other affinity groups is a form of social change. There will be no justice without this kind of social change. There will be no justice if we continue to reproduce oppressive dominant structures.

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Reason for Guarded Optimism in the Global Economy

BY
JEFF WEBBER

With the advent of a global economic recession, there is no doubt that a painful period of intensified poverty and depravity shall be inflicted upon most areas of the Third World in the near future. One of the lucid examples of the human element involved in this economic horror, is the predicted starvation of masses of Russian people with the onset of winter.

Still, at this juncture in history there is room for guarded optimism in the ability of progressive thinkers and social activists to affect change. The paradox of the recession finally reaching the 'developed' world is salient. Yes, economic times will be difficult on the people of the 'developed' world, especially those residing in the bottom echelons of the social hierarchy. But, on a positive note, with their own economic well being at stake, the dominant sectors of the Western world may now be forced to reconsider the long term viability of neoliberalism.

Let us begin by addressing some of the signs of recession that have incited fear in the hearts of some of the world's most powerful nations and financial institutions. The latest forecast from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) stated that the global economy which expanded 4.1 per cent last year, is expected to grow only 2 per cent this year and 2.5 per cent next. If this is accurate, it paints a gray picture for global economics in the short term. It is more likely that the situation is even worse than the IMF suggests.

Now, my optimism is grounded in the fruition of recent events around the globe that represent a distinct reappraisal of the utility of neoliberalism, and more specifically unfettered trade liberalization with no constraints on global capital flow.

One of the most important moves has been France's pull-out of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI). France had been widely regarded as Canada's strongest ally at the negotiating

table on the agreement.

This advancement suggests three positive conclusions. First, it may be possible, through vocal public dissent, to force the Canadian government to abandon talks on the agreement (at the moment, Ottawa has confirmed that it is still going to be sending negotiators to Paris) just as France has done. Second, it illustrates what could be the beginning of the end of the Multilateral Agreement on Investment. In the words of McGill trade law professor, Armand de Mestral, "It may be too early to say it's [the MAI] dead, but obviously it's a blow to the OECD and the efforts it has made." Finally, even if at minimum the MAI is only faltering, the root cause of that faltering can be traced back to the effects of popular mobilization against the agreement.

Another important component of recent global economic development was the meeting of finance ministers and central bankers at the IMF in Washington last week. Although clearly there was no consensus developed among the powerful figures in attendance, there was talk about ways of controlling the extent to which capital is permitted to flow freely from country to country. A year ago this would have been heresy. Michel Chossudovsky's important book, *The Globalization of Poverty: Impact of IMF and World Bank Reforms*, illustrates just how opposed the IMF was to any form of state control. The IMF's "menu" included "budgetary austerity, devaluation, trade liberalization and privatization... Debtor nations forego economic sover-

eignty and control over fiscal and monetary policy, the Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance are reorganized, state institutions are undone and an 'economic tutelage' is installed." I am not suggesting that the IMF is about to completely abandon its economic platform of the past. What I am suggesting is that when the contradictions of neoliberalism affect the prosperity of wealthy Western nations, action such as control over global capital flow is achievable and even probable. Furthermore, the extent to which control mechanisms will be installed, can be at least partially dictated by popular will, as indicated by the success of the anti-MAI campaign.

Finally, perhaps a less practically important example, but at least a vital symbolic reason for optimism, is the recent awarding of the Nobel Prize for Economics to Amartya Sen. During the 1980s, Sen was an important dissenting voice in the age of the neoliberal development model for the Third World. He was one of the only economists of recognition stressing the fact that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was not the only, nor the most important, indicator of development in a Third World country. In his studies on the causes and effects of famines and poverty, Sen advocates focusing on human capabilities, not just economic growth.

In the end, my view of the present global economic system is not in the least one of praise, but one of abhorrence. The present system wreaks havoc upon and degrades the lives of billions in the Third World and the lowest strata of the developed world. However, what I have tried to achieve here is to instill a sense of optimism among progressive thinkers and social activists at their ability to transform the very terms of economics at this particular point in history.

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Doré Progressive On Youth Issues

MAYORAL CANDIDATE PROMISES STUDENT RATES ON TRANSIT, HELP FOR SQUEEGEE KIDS

BY MIKE JANCIK

Jean Doré was the first major mayoral candidate to support lower MUCTC fares for students. And in contrast to his opponents, he has a clear plan to help Montréal street youth.

Last Thursday, Team Montréal candidate Jean Doré spoke at Gert's Pub as part of the SSMU's Meet The Candidates Series. Throughout the campaign, he has positioned himself as a candidate for the times, stressing efficient administration, tax cuts, and his support for Montréal's diversity.

Many have wondered what happened to the former mayor's activist leanings. In reference to his tenure as mayor, Doré admits that, "We tried to do too much too fast." And he is careful to point out that 1999 is much different than 1986. Not until his discussion turned to youth issues did his more progressive side show itself.

On the issue of reduced public transit fares for students, Doré claims that, "[Team Montréal] took the lead." At its August convention, Team Montréal declared its support for a plan that would see the MUCTC's reduced fares extended to all full-time students under the age of 25. Under this plan, most McGill students would see their single trip MUCTC fare decrease from \$1.85 to \$1, and the price of monthly passes would be reduced from \$45 to \$19.

With reference to Montréal's street youth, Doré proposed a three-pronged approach that won applause from the assembled students.

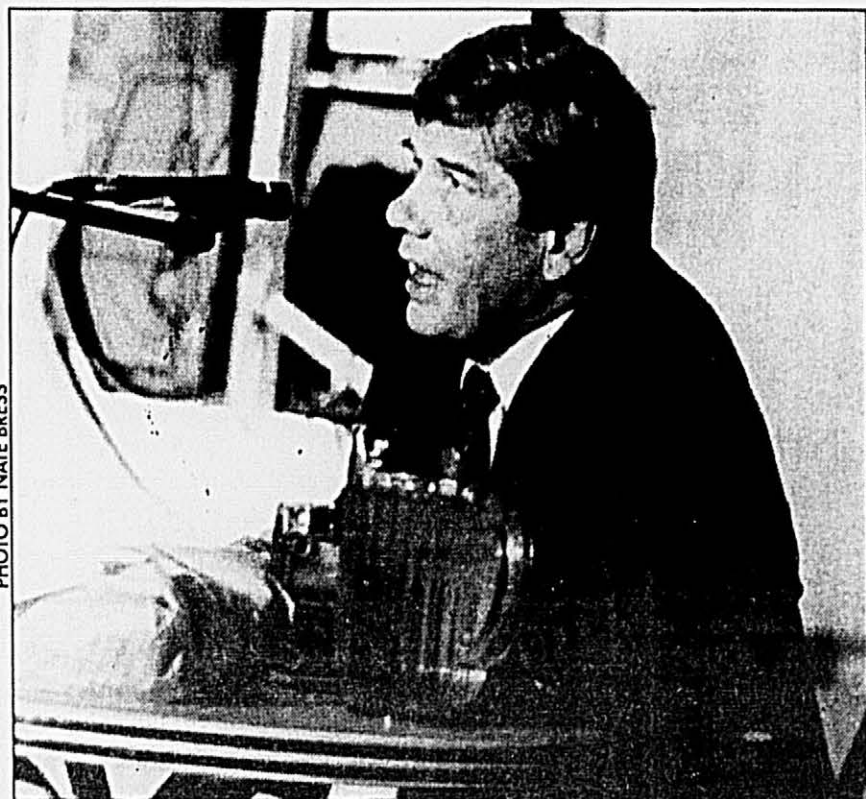
First, he notes that there is a major health issue amongst Montréal's 5,000 to 10,000 street youth. To support this claim, he referred to a recent study finding that Montréal's street youth have

a death rate 12 times that of youth at large. He noted in particular that heroin overdoses, and IV drug transmitted AIDS, were the most common causes of death.

To combat this problem, Doré

tively with the provincial government.

Finally, Doré suggested a vastly different approach to dealing with Montréal's squeegee kids. He suggested that ticketing the kids who are, "at



FORMER MAYOR JEAN DORÉ AT GERT'S LAST THURSDAY

proposes to set up, in concert with the provincial and federal governments, a pilot program to deliver the addicted youth their drugs through the health care system. He claims that this type of program has been successful in Europe at improving the safety of the drugs to which street youth have access, resulting in a marked decrease in the transmission of HIV and other IV-transmitted diseases. He also points to success in eventually switching the youths from heroin to safer methadone.

Second, Doré noted that the Bourque administration, the provincial government, "withheld \$60 million of funding from front line services." He suggested that this was indicative of a lack of leadership on Bourque's part, and representative of a broader trend of Bourque's inability to deal effec-

least trying to do something, is silly." According to Doré, ticketing squeegee kids is counter-productive. Rather, he proposed that the city must try to engage the youth with training programs, and he referred to a project through the central city's economic development corporation to find alternatives for the youth. Taking a shot at the current administration, he added that, "asking squeegees to wash police cars is an insult."

In short, Doré came out in favour of engaging rather than vilifying Montréal's street youth, both in terms of health issues and their broader integration into society. This, as well as his leadership on other youth issues, is refreshing in an election season dominated by taxes, language, and efficiency.



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Bookstore Wars Heat Up

INDIGO, PARAGRAPHE, CHAPTERS SQUARE OFF FOR STUDENT DOLLARS

BY BEN ERRETT

On December 1, Indigo Books will open a superstore in Place Montreal Trust on the corner of McGill College and Ste. Catherine. This will bring the total number of bookstores in the square kilometre south of McGill to over five.

The large stores which are (or will be) most accessible to McGill students are Paragraphe at Sherbrooke and McGill College, Chapters at Stanley and Ste. Catherine, and the new Indigo location. Add these to the smaller Chapters-run McGill Bookstore, Chapters-owned Smithbooks in Place Ville Marie, and Nicholas Hoare Books in the Ogilvy's department store, and there is intense competition for the book buyer's dollar.

McGill students are seen as prime customers: literate, English speaking consumers who live in the downtown core. So what are these stores doing to earn your money? Richard King, co-owner of Paragraphe books, claims that his store is customised for McGill students.

"We've been serving McGill students for seventeen years; in that time I'd like to think we've learned something about what McGill students want," King spoke with confidence about the service his store provides as well

as the selection. His store must make up for its smaller quantity of books compared to the superstores with more quality in terms of the books that are in demand among students.

The strategies of the superstores is more ambiguous. The two mega-chains were unanimous in their reluctance to make any concrete claims. Chapters store manager Chris Fuentes would only respond with a generic statement.

"We welcome competition and are happy to have competition," Fuentes said, but when asked what advantages McGill students would find at Chapters, he said that he could not answer such questions for competitive reasons.

When reached at the Toronto head office, Indigo books said that they could not answer this question either, saying it would be premature to make specific statements about the store.

The responses to this question are indicative of how these stores operate: the locally owned bookstore is glad to use local media to their advantage, while the megachains seem to take their cues on publicity and everything else from the head office in Toronto.

Montréal is hardly unique in these bookstore battles. The popularity of large bookstores which

welcome browsers and sell them coffee (Second Cup at Paragraphe, Starbucks at Chapters and Indigo Café at Indigo) is a relatively new trend in mass marketing that began with superstores Barnes & Noble and Borders in the United States. (In the old location, Paragraphe had their own independent café, but have since jumped on the trendy-coffee bandwagon with a Second Cup in their new residence.)

Chapters was born from the merger of Smithbooks and Coles Books and has sought to capitalise on the superstore idea. The fact that Barnes & Noble owns 20% of Chapters speaks to this end.

Indigo uses this to their advantage, stressing the partial U.S. ownership of Chapters, to boast that Indigo is an all-Canadian company. Though they advertise their home-grown nature, their megastore attributes are providing stiff competition to smaller Canadian booksellers.

At their Yonge and Eglinton branch in Toronto, they forced

long time independent store Contact Books to move to another lo-

Globe and Mail book review and order the book immediately afterwards.

This move has angered many of the independent bookstores across the country that have contributed to the *Globe's* national bestseller list, and some have stopped providing the paper with their sales figures. Not to be outdone, Southam's new *National Post* newspaper is rumored to be considering a similar online bookstore service with inde-



PHOTO BY LORI BRAUN

A FAMILIAR SCENE AT CHAPTERS-

pendent bookstores across Canada to compete with the *Globe's* service.

All this may seem tangential to the average McGill student who happens to browse the bookstores between classes. It is evident that the competitive environment for bookstores in Montreal and Canada forces the stores to focus on attracting and keeping customers. What remains to be seen is if small independents with local history can coexist with much larger chains with increasing buying power. This question can only be answered by the consumer.

Chapters has formed an unprecedented alliance with *The Globe and Mail* to start an Internet bookselling service, on which users could presumably read a

Students voice opposition to proposed A+

SSMU MAY HOLD PLEBISCITE ON ISSUE

BY JASON CHOW

"No grading system is perfect."

These were the words of Associate VP Academic Nick DeTackacsy at last Thursday's open forum about the proposed A+.

In any case, most students present at the event would rather stay with the status quo.

The forum was held to hear the views of students and faculty about adding an A+, equivalent to a 4.3 on our marking scheme.

Dean of Students Rosalie Jukier spoke in favour of the proposal, citing that many science students face a disadvantage when applying for grants,

scholarships, and medical and dental programs against schools which have the equivalent of an A+, or 4.3.

She also added that all other Québec Universities have adapted to the 4.3 scale and stressed the need for uniformity because of the increased cooperation between schools.

Above all, she emphasized that "the intention of this is to benefit students." She explained that if few were in favour of the idea, they would drop the proposal.

DeTackacsy echoed this sentiment saying, "If the student senators, as a block, say 'no,' we won't go ahead."

SSMU's VP University Affairs Sam Johnston was hesitant

on the issue, fearing that possible grade inflation would hamper McGill's present stature: "McGill has a reputation of being conservative, being tough."

But she did concede that incorporating the A+ would coincide with "the need to collaborate more and more with Québec universities."

SSMU council moved to hold a plebiscite on the issue at their last meeting on Thursday. A caucus meeting of student senators will meet on Monday to decide whether or not it will take place.

Heather Bradfield, AUS President, spoke against the idea, explaining that Arts students are graded in a qualitative manner. Papers and exams are not graded numerically like many multiple-

choice, quantitative-based exams are in the faculty of science. She feared grade deflation in that professors would continue marking and distributing their grades like they have been, but a B or B+ grade would look even less impressive on a scale of 4.3.

Bradfield added that the day before, AUS council passed a resolution opposing the proposed A+.

She believed that such a system would "sacrifice the competitiveness of other faculties for a few science students."

Arts Senator Melissa Pallet also warned of grade deflation: "We have profs who are dinosaurs. They won't change their grading system."

Students from the Faculties of

Management and Engineering did not support the suggested 4.3. As a whole it was believed that employers would not regard a B+ grade as favourably as they would on a 4.0 scale.

One Management student also added that many of his classes were graded on a curve with a fixed distribution of marks. If a professor did not adjust his curve accordingly, the marks would be deflated, he argued.

On the event itself, Johnston was impressed with the awareness of those who did attend, although she was disappointed with the small attendance.

"The students did a lot of their own groundwork. It was a great discussion."

Students and Issues 'All Out' for a National Day of Action

SSMU CLAIMS 'OWN AGENDA' AS EXCUSE FOR THEIR ABSENCE

BY JON BRICKER

Books, midterms, and lectures were set aside for protest signs, tent pegs, and megaphones last Thursday as the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) launched its latest nation wide attack on post-secondary education's policy makers and financiers.

The Federation's annual campaign kicked off on Canadian campuses with a Day of Action targeting education's underfunding, inaccessibility, and seeming trend towards increased private interest in a public institution.

"Education is on everyone's mind. Right now, the [federal government's] Finance Committee is touring the country and it's a good opportunity to put a plug in," said CFS National Chair, Elizabeth Carlyle.

The protest also marked an awareness raising effort for the Federation. It chastised the federal government for their \$3.5 billion surplus budget announced Wednesday; despite this, no new money was afforded the education system. If the Liberals fail to heed students' cries, Carlyle says, a CFS vote next month will pave the way for a national student strike early in 1999.

"The government doesn't think for a moment that equipping people to succeed is not something that's going to remain a concern for years to come," said the Finance Ministry's Scott Reid. "It's going to be a persistent effort over time, though not necessarily this year," he added.

A report card put together by the CFS, however, gives Paul Martin's Finance Ministry failing grades with respect to several of its' significant roles in financing post-secondary education. The report and protest offer as key demands the restoration of lost transfer payments, a federally-imposed tuition

freeze, loan and grant reform, and regulation limiting growing private investment in universities.

"These problems are not by

7 per cent of the student population.

Student bankruptcy law is viewed as another Achilles' heel in the federal front's at-

has taken to the streets in a student-mobilizing Day of Action. "We've seen governments back down on a number of education initiatives," said Carlyle of other events in recent years.

A 1995 campaign saw the federal government back down on the excise of the Goods and Services Tax on tuition and student fees. Four years earlier, CFS protest halted a proposed tax on loans, while British Columbia's government responded to outcry in 1992-93 with a tuition freeze. Most recently, efforts in January of this year shot down the government's Income Contingent Loan Repayment Program.

While Thursday's event, led by student societies at Concordia and UQAM, even boasted attendance from several CEGEPs, McGill's own SSMU voice was glaringly

students' rights," said a disappointed Carlyle of the SSMU, which does not hold membership in the CFS. Instead, SSMU offered a passed motion of support made at the demand of CFS-affiliated Post-Graduate Student Society.

Jeff Feiner, SSMU's VP External said in defense of SSMU support for the cause, "I spent half an hour under the tent with them. It was kind of fun." Thursday's SSMU municipal campaigning for student transit rates on STCUM, Feiner said, had them forego participation in the protests. "In this case, we had our own agenda, and CFS had theirs. They fell on the same date." Asked why the other Montréal schools, also affected by transit issues, opted to partake in CFS events, he said,

"Concordia was just hit hard with ancillary fees. They were easier to mobilize."

"I have a tough time understanding why [SSMU] is not opposing these issues. It broke my heart," said Harunur Rashid, PGSS VP External. "Historically, we have had to take the lead at McGill. But I have a lot of undergraduate students concerned," he added. By Rashid's estimate, over a hundred McGill students joined up to 700 more from the other

Montréal area schools

in campus events.

CFS is considering organizing a nationwide student strike for early next year if their demands are not met.



STUDENTS AT TENT CITY AT THE MILTON GATES

any means solved," said Carlyle, linking transfer cuts and surplus not reinvested in education to a national average tuition increase of 45 per cent since 1993, an 8.6 per cent drop in the number of students enrolled in post-secondary education in that same period, and today's average graduate debt of \$25,000.

But the Liberals object to this reasoning. "It's misleading to suggest we haven't done anything," said Reid, citing the \$7 billion put into education by the federal government in the 1997-98 fiscal year. Reid ruled out the potential for a nation wide tuition freeze, saying that the matter is best left in provincial hands. "Tuition is something we don't have control over. We've moved on affordability and accessibility," he said.

The trend towards privatization has seen universities across the nation signing mega-money contracts offering commercial stakes to fill the void left by lost public funding. Protesters were also at odds with the Liberal-touted Millennium Scholarship Fund which the Federation says will provide assistance to only

tempt to convey concern for students. New policy prohibits students from defaulting on debts

for ten years following graduation.

Thursday's 'All Out' demonstrations and tent cities do not mark the first time CFS

Report Card on Post-Secondary Education			
Student:	House of Commons, Ottawa ON K1A 0A6	Report 1	Report 2
Address:	The 400 000 members of the Canadian Federation of Students	Oct 98	Feb 99
Teacher:	Subjects	Comments	
Student Debt			
Availability of Federal Grants	F		
Work with provinces to fund a tuition fee freeze and halt deregulation	F		
New student financial assistance measures	F		
Reinvestment of Public Funds in Education	F		
Increased transfer payments	F		
Prohibition of private, for-profit education and corporate involvement in the curriculum	F		
Final Grade:			
Overall accessibility of public post-secondary education			
Promotion Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Progressing well towards promotion <input type="checkbox"/> Progressing with some difficulty towards promotion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotion at risk		
Strengths / Weaknesses / Next Steps Blame others for his mistakes - e.g. debt, deficit, dollar. Needs to meet with the Canadian Federation of Students for remedial training in fundamentals of social equity.			

sent. "They don't have a good track record for standing up for stu-

SSMU Done Tinkering With Constitution

COMMITTEES TRASHED, EXECUTIVE POSITIONS REDEFINED

BY AUTUMN HAAG

It has taken seven years, but SSMU has finally revised its constitution.

SSMU President Duncan Reid, on behalf of the Year 2000 Committee, one of the groups that helped draft the changes, laid out the major alterations in his "Highlights of the New SSMU Constitution."

The proposed changes will be put to a student referendum for approval in November.

The major changes include changing the VP Finance position, renaming it VP Operations, and giving it the responsibility of overseeing technology, the Health Plan, and SSMU's operations in the University Centre and off-campus as well. The position of Treasurer has been created to take over the more financial aspects of the VP Operation's job. His/her job will deal with the

SSMU's budget development and auditing. The Treasurer is an appointed non-executive position and does not have voting privileges.

VP External has been renamed VP Community and Government Affairs, and the position of VP Internal has been split in two. It is now VP Communications and Events and VP Clubs and Services.

Current VP Internal, Karen Pelley, feels that this change is definitely for the better. She notes that the position of VP Internal is a "catch-all," and is related to everything that goes on in the SSMU. The two new VPs will be able to devote "more time and energy to things they didn't have time for in the past." It will also give them more defined job descriptions and she felt this will enable them to serve the students better.

Reid felt that despite the cost of six, and not five, executives, "the extra position will pay for

itself" in the way it benefits students.

The new constitution also added three commissioners; Francophone, International Student Affairs, and Faculty Relations. Reid hoped that McGill will continue to become a more international university, and he also hoped to better relations between the SSMU and the faculties, which have been strained in the past.

The other major change to the constitution is its reduction of official committees from 13 to 5. The ones considered outdated have been eliminated while those deemed important will continue to serve the SSMU.

The only parts of the constitution that were not changed were the sections that referred to Elections, the Judicial Board, and Referenda.

According to Reid, the three main initiatives for these changes are the improvement of

operations, better communications with students, and, most importantly, the "provision of more support to clubs and services," as he said. "That's what we do best."

SSMU Clubs and Services Representative Tamana Kochar applauded the new changes. "In essence, this constitution is visionary compared to the existing one, and that's good," she said.

Although she approved of the spirit of the changes, she was concerned of a specific provision that allowed executive members to enter into any financial contract that would last less than 12 months without the consultation of council.

"Any financial agreement that is not a requirement for the executive in carrying out their duties but affects the students should come to council and be approved by council before it binds the students of this university," Kochar said.

The process of amending the

constitution took nearly a year and involved two committees. The first was in charge of a long-term planning report. It included 12 members, which Reid stressed were from as varied a spectrum from the McGill community as possible. This group met several times a week to come up with not only the problems of the old constitution, but concrete solutions.

The second committee was nicknamed "Year 2000 Committee" or Y2 SSMU. It was a committee made up of SSMU councillors who had no vote on the matter. Reid was the exception, and he sat on both committees, and is "really proud of what the Year 2000 Committee achieved." The purpose of this committee was to attempt to implement the ideas generated by the first committee into the constitution.

Any student wishing to pick up a copy of the new constitution may do so at the SSMU general office.

Students glum about Sprint's unlimited calling plan

SOURCE: THE
CADRE
By KAREN
RAWLINES
CHARLOTTETOWN
(CUP)

Sprint Canada's decision to cut off its unlimited-calling plan isn't ringing well in the ears of students and consumer rights groups, who say they weren't given proper notice the plan would be cancelled.

The enormously popular plan entitled subscribers to unlimited calling minutes after 6 p.m. on weekday and all day on weekends to anywhere in Canada for \$20 per month.

For student customers studying far away from family and friends, the Sprint Canada deal offered a way to stay in touch for less.

"It really made a difference," said Melissa Doucette, an English student at the University of Prince Edward Island. "I could talk to these people every day."

Clay Purves, a University of Winnipeg history student, also got

a lot of mileage out of the plan. He used it to speak with his brother in Alberta and with friends who went to school in Ontario and B.C.

"It was nice to have a cheaper way to stay in touch with friends and family . . . to stay in close contact with people I wouldn't have otherwise had that kind of . . . contact with," he said.

But because of high customer demand, Sprint Canada discontinued the plan and replaced it with a modified version effective Oct. 5.

Early into the offer, which was introduced last July, customers were met by busy signals or recorded messages when dialing through to long-distance numbers due to network congestion.

"The unlimited savings plan resulted in a new competitive marketplace, with all of our major competitors announcing similar plans to ours," wrote Philip Bates, president and chief executive officer of Sprint Canada, in a

prepared statement.

"These plans have shifted residential calling patterns and the overwhelming response to these plans has meant some customers have experienced difficulty when they have tried to make long distance calls."

Sprint is now offering customers a plan with a similar concept but different bottom line. Instead of unlimited minutes per month, customers may now talk to anyone in Canada for up to 800 minutes under the \$20 charge, with additional rates of 10 cents added per subsequent minute.

Jennifer Hilliard, vice president of policy and issues of the Consumers' Association of Canada, is not impressed by Sprint's decision to end the deal after only a few months of offering it.

"If a company offered something, and better demands than they were expecting followed, then they would be expected to bite the bullet," Hilliard said. "It's

like they've offered steak, and are giving the customers beans."

She also says the adaptation of the plan was not properly announced, so Sprint Canada should offer some kind of consumer redress to those who didn't receive notice of the change. "Customers have to be notified before running off enormous bills."

Purves, who has decided to return to his local provider for long-distance service, says if it weren't for reading about it he wouldn't have known he was paying for a different service.

"If we didn't have a newspaper subscription we wouldn't have found out about it," he said. "I think they (Sprint) could have phoned us — they have our number."

Critics say the fact Sprint Canada continued to air television commercials for the unlimited plan close to the time the plan was cancelled added to the confusion.

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Scuffle heightens concerns about pepper spray

By MARY VALLIS

VICTORIA (CUP) — A recent scuffle between a group of homeless people and their dogs and local law enforcers has heightened concerns about the use of pepper spray by authorities.

Municipal bylaw enforcers used pepper spray earlier this month during a scuffle with about 20 homeless people and their dogs over the impoundment of one of the dogs in the city's Centennial Square.

The incident began when two enforcement officers found about five dogs to be in violation of city bylaws, says Miles Drew, chief bylaw enforcement officer of the Capital Regional District.

When one of the officers moved in to impound one of the dogs, a man attacked a police officer from behind, Drew says. One of the officers then drew his pepper spray as he was "swarmed" by the group, spraying them slightly in self-defense.

"There was no pepper used on a dog, and there was no pepper used to distract the owner while we took the dog," said Drew. "But the officers used reasonable force to protect themselves."

In the end, one dog was impounded.

But the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says the dog may in fact have been pepper sprayed.

"The dog was obviously agitated, and it suffered from some (of the) effects from being pepper sprayed," said Lynn West, executive director of the society.

Mike Yeager, a media relations officer with Victoria Police, says pepper spray can travel through the air quickly and can affect animals and people that weren't directly targeted.

Charges were being pursued in connection with the Oct. 6 incident, he added.

The scuffle has raised concerns about whether the enforcement officers are targeting the homeless and whether they should be carrying pepper spray.

Drew says the bylaw enforcement officers carry pepper spray to defend themselves against potentially harmful animals.

But others wonder whether by doing so, homeless people and their dogs are the ones being put at risk.

West says that in the past year, she knows of four dogs that were impounded from the downtown core — all of which belonged to homeless people.

She added the bylaw enforcement tactics used by the force are new. "Our society has provided a control service to 10 municipalities for over 20 years, and they've never had a need for pepper spray," she said.

After the recent incident, Victoria Mayor Bob Cross spoke in favor of making downtown a "dog-free zone," but denied allegations the plan targets the homeless.

"Everyone has the right to use public space without feeling intimidated or obstructed," he said.

Sandra Fleck, a street outreach worker, says Cross is on a campaign to flush the homeless out of the downtown core.

Cross' dog ban suggestion follows a long list of new bylaws, including one that gives officers the right to ticket anyone "sitting, kneeling or lying" on the street.

Fleck says she will pursue charges against the officers through the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

Human Rights Commissioner says education too expensive

SOURCE: MUSE

By JEFF POWER

ST. JOHN'S (CUP)

The chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission says Canada's post-secondary education system should be more accessible to all students who want to go to school.

"I think it's too bad education today is so expensive and that many students get out of school with such a heavy burden that they can spend a part of their working life paying back what it cost them to get an education," said Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay at Memorial University last week.

She also said a system that's not accessible to everybody is unacceptable in Canada.

"The danger is that we will go back to the days where there were two categories of people," said Falardeau-Ramsay.

"There were those who were able to get an education, and then, obviously, as a result would be in a position of leadership, to be in a position where they could influence things - and people who were unable to get one and had no influence in society."

Falardeau-Ramsay's public lecture was the second-last stop on a seven-stop tour of Canadian universities commemorating the 50th anniversary of the United Nations' adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The commissioner, who has worked for the United Nations and was appointed to the post in 1997, focused her speech on the status of human rights in the 21st century.

She said while there has been significant progress in the area of human rights over the past 50 years, "we have only to read the [McGill] daily headlines to realize that human rights violations

are still commonplace in many parts of the globe."

And although Canada is a global human rights leader, she said, it still has a way to go "before the (U.N.) Declaration's vision is a reality for all Canadians."

One major area of disappointment has been the recognition of human rights for aboriginal people, she said.

She pointed to the contrast between Canada's number one ranking on a U.N. list of the best places to live and a recent government report that shows the standard of living on native reservations is closer to the bottom of the list, below such countries as Thailand and Mexico.

Falardeau-Ramsay says the problem corresponds directly with poverty, another area which saw Canada receive a low grade from the UN.

"(Poverty) prevents people from exercising their rights in society," she said.

Racial harassment and discrimination and disabled rights are other areas that require action, she said.

"Everybody speaks about the deficit, about monetary matters, but not so much about the well-being of the community," she said of federal politicians.

"The type of democracy we have is so fragile. We're blessed to be in a country where we have the rule of law, where we have all kinds of safeguards and also where there are many structures that allow for protection of those rights," added Falardeau-Ramsay.

"We have to be very, very, cautious not to lose that. In order not to lose that we have to make sure we maintain it in the eye of the people, in general. And also, the politicians of the government."

Students worry projected deficit in Nova Scotia will jeopardize education spending

SOURCE: ATLANTIC BUREAU CHIEF

By ANDREW SIMPSON

HALIFAX (CUP)

Students in Nova Scotia are worried the province will renege on its promise to inject \$23.8 million into universities now that it is projecting an \$82-million deficit.

In a first-quarter budget report released earlier this month, the minority Liberal government revealed they would not achieve their objective of a \$1.2-million surplus, instead expecting to fall \$82-million in the red.

Already, students say funding increases to education shouldn't be sacrificed to balance the books.

"It's up to the politicians to look at what they promised to

education and stick to their game plan," said Tim McIntyre, president of the student union at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S.

Just before the deficit was announced, the province promised it would pour much-needed cash into Nova Scotia's 11 universities over the next three years, replacing funding that has previously been cut.

McIntyre says he's concerned the government might cave on its funding plans to stay alive in the province's volatile legislature. "We hope the government keeps its wits about it in this time of enormous political

pressure," he said.

While failing to deliver on a balanced budget may be a political liability for the Liberals in the legislature, cutting social spending would risk public support, says Jessica Squires, Nova Scotia representative for the Canadian Federation of Students. "They are just pounding nail upon nail into their electoral coffin if they cut from health and if they don't keep their promise on education," she said.

Ted Chiasson, president of Dalhousie University's student union, says he understands the government is under financial

pressure but warns of the costs of cutting education. "Cutting your knowledge and your skills training would be extremely short-sighted and self-destructive in the long run." But Education Minister Robbie Harrison says all the concern is over nothing and the government is committed to the \$23.8 million increase.

He says the significance of a small deficit - which he attributes to unforeseen factors like the poor dollar and an over-

run in health spending - has been overblown.

"In a \$4.4 billion budget, a deficit in the twenties of millions is not cause for grave concern," he said.

"Major policy shifts are not warranted by the ups and downs of quarterly reports," he added.

"We will take steps to ride out these bumps in the road ... but we have no intention of changing course."

Students throw Playboy parties for personal "expression"

Source: Dalhousie Gazette

HALIFAX (CUP) — Two students at Dalhousie University are throwing parties and events sponsored by Playboy magazine in what's believed to be the first time the magazine has been promoted in such a way on a Canadian university campus.

Bruce Yip and B.W. Wildsmith, who have been holding the Playboy-sponsored bashes, say they're not trying to sell the magazine or look for future playmates — they just want to provide an open forum for people to express themselves.

"We want the average man to be able to do what he wants to do," they say, adding they're trying to create a comfortable atmos-

phere where people can have a great time.

But a local women's group says the Playboy parties are cause for concern.

Pat Thomson, director of the women's centre at Dalhousie University, says Playboy's content — particularly its photos of naked women — is distressing.

"I feel that Playboy is an exploitative venue, not an expressive one," said Thomson.

"Holding Playboy parties and sponsoring events under the Playboy name will be detrimental to women. These events will reinforce the idea that women are sexual objects for women."

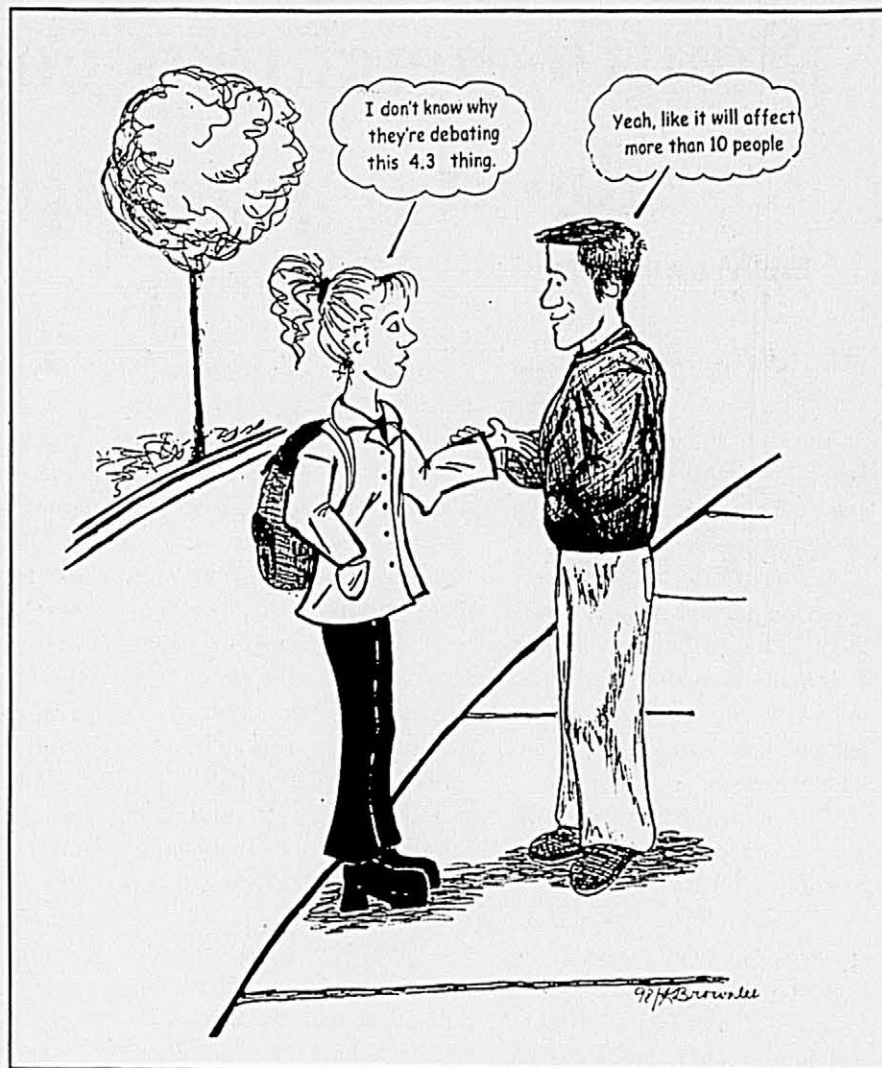
Yip and Wildsmith, however, say Playboy is not demeaning to women. "Playboy has provided the forum for feminist thought, such as in 1965 when the magazine advocated reproductive choice for women," they said.

Some students seem to agree. Dustin, a third-year student who

asked that his last name not be used, says he doesn't see anything wrong with Playboy-sponsored events being held around campus.

"A university's reputation is not built on sponsored events," he said, referring to criticisms that the Playboy parties will give Dalhousie a bad name, even though the university is not affiliated with the events.

Annie, a second-year student who also wished to remain anonymous, agrees. "I don't see a difference between a Playboy-sponsored event and a Keith's (Nova Scotia beer) sponsored event," she said. -Sarah Young



No Promises From Martin

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Riis went further, saying "Perhaps we should introduce tuition free universities like many other progressive countries have done."

In the presentation Martin identified health care and tax cuts for middle-class Canadians as two of his top priorities. But his suggestion that the surplus could be as little as \$5-billion, before \$3-billion is subtracted for the Contingency Reserve (money saved for a rainy day), demonstrates that he has little money reserved for either.

The Finance Department

seems to be considering a \$500-million initial reinvestment in health. But this is unlikely to appease the province's demands for a \$6-billion restoration of federal transfer payments.

Riis rejected Martin's claims that there is really no option other than proceeding in a fiscally cautious manner.

According to him, "We have 1.5 million children living in poverty because their parents are living in poverty. Tens of thousands of homeless people are on our streets. So for him not to address this I think was almost cruel."

CFS Protest

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Mathew Begie, a McGill student, said, "I am here because I am in debt. It pisses me off that I have to indebt myself to become an enlightened citizen." He explained that after attending CEGEP and four years at McGill, he owes \$25 000.

"I support the cause," said Faiz Ahmad, another McGill student. "I am sick of the government giving money to a handful of rich." He added that he was a "lucky one," in that he so far has no debt to owe.

Not all the bystanders agreed with the student protest, however. Mike Fanning, a 35 year-old employee who works near the Stock Exchange watched the whole ordeal: when asked to comment on the demonstration, he admitted that student debt was a problem,

but added "I still think education is not that expensive." He later added that he was beginning to save for his 4 year-old's future education. "I'm expecting it to be a lot more expensive. I'm expecting an American-style private model."

Jessica Baen, a McGill student from New York, warned of the dangers of the American system "The trend [in Canada] is definitely in the wrong direction. It would be a shame if privatization were to happen here too."

Although many came to show their solidarity, some were disappointed with the turnout. One protester lamented, "A lot of people are letting others protest for them. Certainly, one can make a difference." Approximately 250 students participated in the protest.

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Letter to the Editor

(cont'd from Oct. 15)

Thirdly, as for the environmental issues in my campaign, by no means have they been forgotten. Just last week, in fact, I spoke to several people who will be involved in the project.

While all these commitments were made, and will be tackled this year, they were only a subsection of my plans for the year. The necessity of reforming the Students' Society as a whole and renovating our building has always been first and foremost in my mind. Indeed, it was the goal of a renewed, more effective SSMU that convinced me to seek election as President after being VP Finance last year.

To this end, this week I will be releasing a long-term plan for the Society, as well as a proposed new Constitution for the SSMU. These documents are the end result of literally thousands of hours of hard work over eight months by

twenty-five councillors, club executives, faculty executives, and students. They propose concrete solutions to better support our clubs and services, to improve communication with students, and to provide higher-quality operations. These documents may not have flash appeal for the media, but they address deep-rooted organizational problems that have been left unaddressed in a meaningful way at the SSMU for many years. If the Daily finds that I am currently most focused on seeing these plans through, forgive me; I feel that I owe that debt to those who contributed their time and energy to improve the Society over the long run. And most importantly, I feel I owe it to the present and future members of the Society.

Sincerely,
Duncan Reid
SSMU President

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